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In re Application of  
Scott E. Denmark et al  
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PETITION DECISION

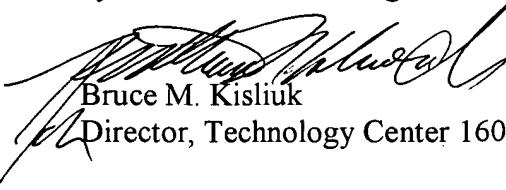
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 20, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on May 20, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for. When no reply was received a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on January 14, 2004. Applicants state that they replied on November 20, 2003, and provide an Office date stamped postcard and USPS Express Mail Delivery confirmation as evidence that the Office received the reply. The reply has not been correlated with the file and the copy supplied with the petition will be utilized. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number 703-872-9306.

  
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